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Sir:

Applicants attach hereto an English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report which was filed in the present application on May 11, 2006. Please make this document part of the prosecution history of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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